

FISH WAS SCARCE

Incoming Fleet Also Found Lower Prices for Fares.

At Boston, since last report, 18 of the haddock fleet have arrived, nine of them from off shore, the largest trips of the lot being sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, with 52,000 pounds and sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, with 50,000 pounds. The other off shores have from 35,000 pounds up to 48,000 pounds. The catches are smaller than expected and show that fish are indeed scarce, for the vessel in company some of the leaders of the fleet, commanded by men of judgment and who fish hard.

Some of the off shore vessels sold yesterday afternoon while others hung on until this morning. The market yesterday afternoon was weak and low prices prevailed, as the bottom had dropped right out of the fresh fish trade since Monday, so the dealers report, and their piled up stores bear out the truth of their statements.

So dull was it at T wharf yesterday and so little did the dealers seem to care about loading up any more that some off shore haddock sold at 60 cents per hundred weight, the lowest price of the winter.

One dealer took a shore trip of 17,000 pounds of live new haddock for \$1.35 per hundred weight and then was unable to get any other firm to take even a cart load on the card, so being obliged to take the whole trip himself. He probably did not like it at the time but is patting himself on the back this morning as the heavy northeaster has driven prices up so that when the bell rang at 7 o'clock shore haddock brought \$3.50 per hundred weight from the vessel.

There were only nine market boats in since last report and most of these were in and sold before closing time yesterday, so there was really very little fish on the market this morning, which fact, together with the northeaster, accounts for the good prices quoted. Those off the shore and off shore fellows who did not sell yesterday and held until this morning, will profit well by so doing. New haddock brought from \$2.55 to \$3.50, large cod \$4 to \$4.50; market \$2.50 and hake and pollock at \$2.50. Old haddock sold for \$1.25.

The dealers figure that the northeaster storm will keep the boats and off shore vessels from fishing today and possibly tomorrow, which means that receipts the rest of the week will be light, hence they want what fish is in today and are paying a fair price for new fish.

Three of the off shore haddock fleet arrived here yesterday afternoon with not very large fares. The crafts were schs. Effie M. Prior, Yakima and John Hays Hammond, with about 45,000 pounds each of fresh fish. The fares sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co.

The captains of the vessels report fish scarce on both Brown's Bank and Georges and that the fishing is very spotty. They instance cases when a vessel will set and get fair fishing while other vessels setting right alongside would get practically nothing. The trips are nowhere near what is expected in size at his time of the year and the skippers are now looking for the cod school which is due to strike on Georges next week.

All the market boats are in today and safely tied up at wharves here, at Portland, Boston and Provincetown, or anchored at Plymouth. None went out from here yesterday and the northeaster today will hold them in until it is over, all right.

The captains of the vessels that came in at Boston yesterday morning reported a heavy, choppy sea running out in the bay, with a howling northeast wind whipping it up and making things uncomfortable for seamen.

Several of the vessels that started out from T wharf yesterday morning got only as far as President roads. The captains found the weather so bad there, and received such poor reports from the vessels coming in, that they put about and ran back to T wharf, preferring to tie up there rather than take chances in going down the bay or anchoring in the roads.

Frozen Herring Cargo at Boston.

The Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Lila B. Hirtle, one of the vessels chartered by Capt. Solomon Jacobs of this city, arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon from Connaigre Bay, N. F., with a cargo of frozen herring.

Putting Up Fish.

Capt. Eldredge, formerly of this city, who went to Newburyport and started the Consumers Fresh Fish Company, dealing in fresh fish, has recently started a new industry there in the boxing of salt fish. He is finding quite a market for the production of his concern.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Georges, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. John Hays Hammond, Georges, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, shore.
Sch. Yakima, Georges, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

No vessels sailed today.

Sch. Aspinet went out yesterday afternoon and schs. Ida M. Silva and Clara G. Silva went to Boston at the same time.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60 cts.; hake, 60 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medimus, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Leroy Spinney is fitting sch. Athlete for salt banking.
Capt. Manuel Carlz is fitting sch. Mattie Winship for Georges handling.

Capt. John F. Vautier of sch. Monarch figured on beginning to fit out for south seining today, but the storm has knocked out the work for today and the crew will probably get to work tomorrow and the craft will sail the first of next week.

Schs. Esperanto and Arcadia are on the Rocky Neck railways.

Boston.

Br. Sch. Lila B. Hirtle, frozen herring.
Sch. Vanessa, 35,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 40,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Romance, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Raymah, 35,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Harmony, 19,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Buema, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 20,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 8000 haddock, 3500 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 1000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. M. Madeline, 700 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 400 pollock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1200 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Olga, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$3.50; pollock, \$3.50.

Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels arrived at Portland Tuesday:
Sch. Fanny Reed, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. George H. Lube, 11,000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 13,000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Gladys, 2000 pounds fresh fish.

BANNER HADDOCK TRIP OF WINTER.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith Brings 120,000 Pounds From LeHave bank.

Sch. Paragon Has 30,000 Pounds of Halibut From Quero Bank.

The banner haddock trip of the winter was that brought to this port yesterday afternoon by the reliable Capt. James D. Goodwin in the big auxiliary sch. Benjamin A. Smith. Big fares are a habit with Capt. Goodwin and when he does not have one, the knowing ones say, "Well, they must be some scarce," or "Jim must have struck hard old weather all right this time out."

About 120,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock, those big kind from Little LeHave bank, is the bulk of her fare this time, with nearly 2500 weight of halibut to help swell the big stock, which will accrue from the 11 days trip.

This is Capt. Goodwin's last trip in the big knockabout and he has certainly wound up his season in her in a very impressive manner. He will now fit sch. Ella M. Goodwin, in which he has been for several years, and of which he is part owner, for a salt bank cod trawling trip.

Capt. Goodwin reports good fishing on Little LeHave, getting some big sets, and with the exception of one or two days, did not hit up any very bad weather.

The fare sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co., and is being taken out today.

This morning two other good trips arrived here, sch. Paragon, Capt. Capt. William Hermon, from the southeast part of Quero, with 30,000 pounds of halibut, and a few salt fish, and sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey, from Brown's bank, with 15,000 pounds of halibut, 10,000 pounds of fresh fish, and a few salt cod.

Sch. Paragon has been out about a month and will make a nice stock, as prices are well up. This is the second fine halibut fare that Capt. Hermon has made this season, thus giving him a fine start for another big year's work.

Capt. Dunskey of sch. Teazer reports fishing on Brown's bank. He has been out only three weeks, and did not strike any very bad weather, and has a good trip for the short time gone. He saw no other vessels of the fishing fleet.

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THE ANTI-TORCHING BILL ENGROSSED.

Legislature Favorably Considered It Despite Objections Made.

The bill to prevent herring torching in the waters about Lynn harbor was passed to be engrossed by the general court yesterday.

Representative Willets of Fall River explained the necessity of the bill to prohibit torching for herring in the waters of Lynn harbor, because the herring fishermen have created a nuisance by dumping their dead fish in the waters, to the danger of the public health. The bill was favored by McCann of Lynn and Quinn of Swampscott.

Representative Adams of Marblehead said Marblehead desires this legislation as much as any other place, and as there are similar bills still pending before the committee on fisheries and game, he moved that the bill be drawn to cover all places.

Representative Tolman of this city, opposed the bill as a hardship upon Gloucester fishermen. The motion to recommit was lost and the bill passed to be engrossed on voice vote.

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TRAWL SALT AND BANK FLEET.
Will Be Smaller Than Usual This Season, Only 14 Vessels Engaging.

Two of Fleet Already Sailed on Their First Trip.

The trawl salt codfishing bank fleet from this port this year will be the smallest on record, but the lack of craft in this line of fishing will be more than made up by the largely increased number which will engage later in salt bank dory handlining.

The latter fleet will be probably the largest in that line that has ever sailed from this port, for many years at least, and will be augmented by four vessels from Provincetown and five from Bucksport, Maine.

The trawl salt bankers will number 14 on the spring trip, but three of these, schs. Ella M. Goodwin, Athlete and Arkona will not make the second or fall trawling trip, as they will shift over to dory handlining after landing their spring fares.

Last year the trawl salt bank fleet numbered 18 sail and of these 12 made second trips.

The fleet this year is as follows, two of them, schs. Arethusa and Hazel R. Hines having already sailed.

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred A. Morrissey.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. William Morrissey.

Sch. Athlete, Capt. Leroy Spinney.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Vincent Nelson.

Sch. Blanche, Capt. Clifford Vanamberg.

Sch. George Campbell, Capt. Thomas Flannagan.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, Capt. Stanley B. Hines.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James D. Goodwin.

Sch. John R. Bradley, Capt. Peter Parthier.

Sch. Bohemia, Capt. Ormsby Seeley.

Sch. Orinoco, Capt. William Larkin.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Patrick Shea.

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Alewives Make Their Appearance.

Alewives have made their appearance at Palmouth and in Vineyard Haven. The fish are not being taken in large numbers as yet, and most of them are sold to the people of the vicinity. In the last few days about 1000 alewives have been taken at Palmouth and a larger quantity at the Vineyard. The fishermen there say that there is every indication of spring in that vicinity. There is no ice in the water and no sign of frost in the ground.

Vessels Were Double Reefed.

The vessels which arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday afternoon and evening, went through a hard battle with the storm, and all came to T wharf with double reefed foresails and a riding sail in place of the mainsail. Even with this short spread of canvas the vessels were pushed along up the harbor by the strong wind with such speed that most of them were willing to douse all sail and depend upon towboats to bring them to a berth in the basins.

Notice to Mariners.

Mariners are notified that on or about March 22, Nantucket Shoals Lightship No. 85, will be withdrawn from her station and the Relief No. 66 will be substituted. The latter will display the same characteristics in lights and sound the same fog signals. The No. 85 will be returned to her station April 1.

At Provincetown for Shelter.

The storm of Wednesday and yesterday was fierce down on Cape Cod, and reports from Provincetown this morning say that 30 sail of vessels had put into harbor there for shelter and remained during Wednesday night. The wind was still blowing hard down there yesterday and there was little likelihood of any fish being taken.

Landing Redfish.

There are a lot of bream or redfish brought in on every schooner now at T wharf, and these do not appear in the quotations, as they are not sold on the exchange, but they add considerably to the stock of the schooner.

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Pretty near time to hear "coaster" reports of mackerel down off Hatteras. It kind of starts the fleet up and sets people talking about the fishery, the success of which this year would mean a great deal to Gloucester. Codfish are all right, and haddock, hake and cusk also, but Gloucester always banks on getting enough of these. It is the mackerel fishery that is the real lottery of the business and the drawing of a good big prize is what all the vessel owners are looking for. To be sure small prizes or blanks have been more generally drawn in recent years, but still all will continue to take the chances.

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FEW ARRIVALS KEEP UP PRICE.

Boston Fresh Fish Dealers Have Small Stocks on Hand.

Boston, or the T wharf part of it, is not crowded with fresh fish today, indeed the opposite is the case, so with a stiff northwester blowing outside, giving the market boats no chance to fish and a scarcity of arrivals, prices are good even though it is the latter part of the week, for the dealers are all at sea on predicting the weather and do not want to be caught with no fish at all in their stores.

This morning there were but three market boats there, each with a small fare, and four off shore vessels, with from 37,000 to 66,000 pounds each, only a handful altogether for the 50 firms to take in.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, arrived there yesterday afternoon with 40,000 pounds and this morning sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, is there with 37,000 pounds of new fish, and sch. Mildred Robinson, Capt. Lewis Devine, with 66,000 pounds of fresh fish from the eastern grounds. Sch. Mystery, Capt. William H. Goodwin, also from the eastward, is also there with a fare the same size as sch. Mildred Robinson.

The market on new fish is good, haddock bringing from \$2.50 to \$4 at the opening, with cod from \$2.50 to \$5 and hake, pollock and cusk at \$3.00. There were no prices on old haddock at the opening.

Provincetown Notes.

Sch. Nettle Franklin lost mainsail last Friday night while bound out to fishing grounds and returned to port Saturday.

Last week was the first good one this season for the vessels of the fresh fishing fleet and some good stocks and shares were made. Among the high ones were sch. Rose Dorothea, \$40 each; sch. Mary C. Santos, \$44; Nettle Franklin, \$29. Others went from \$13 each up to as high as the highest of the above and all the crews were feeling good on their arrival here.

Capt. Samuel Joseph went to Truro last week and launched his motor boat Angelina from the shore near the club house, and in two days' dragging for flounders, he landed and shipped 22 barrels. At present prices he expects to realize \$150.

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Will Tow Schooner Here.

The big Boston towboat Underwriter came in here yesterday afternoon and taking on board Capt. William H. Collins, agent of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company, steamed away for Shelburne, N. S., where she will hitch on to sch. Mary F. Curtis and tow her home here. The Curtis arrived at Shelburne Monday night with her foremast gone and having sustained other damage.

Newfoundland Sealers.

The steamer Harlow, the vanguard of the Newfoundland sealing fleet, was at Louisburg, C. B., Tuesday from Halifax, and will take on 200 tons of coal and sail for Port au Basque, N. F., where a crew will be shipped. But sailing for the ice will not take place until March 10, which is the time the Newfoundland law allows them to start. At that date the whole fleet of 24 steamers sail from St. John's for the ice.

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FOR WHALING CRAFTS.

Offers Said to be Made to Owners of Boston Fishermen.

Recently overtures have been made to the owners of several of some Boston fishermen to sell their schooners to be used in whaling. As it requires an exceptionally strong and well built vessel to stand the long voyage and hard knocks the whalers go through, the proposition to take the fishermen as they stand is considered a high compliment to the staunch manner in which our fishing craft are built. During the past two years three of four Gloucester vessels have been bought for whalers.

HAD HARD EXPERIENCE.

Sch. Fannie Prescott Blown a Long Distance from the Fishing Grounds.

Sch. Fannie Prescott came in at T wharf, Boston, early yesterday morning, and her men were glad to get to a place of shelter. The schooner had been out only a week, but had experienced some very bad weather in that time. Last Wednesday the schooner was out on the southeast Georges when a gale sprang up, and her foresail was torn out of the ropes. Before the damage could be repaired and a riding sail got up the schooner was blown a long distance from the fishing grounds, and lost a whole day getting back on the ground.

PREPARING FOR SEINING.

Crew of Sch. Monarch Began Fitting This Morning.

The southern seining season can be said to be formally opened today, for the crew of sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, went to work fitting out the craft this morning and making active preparations for getting away early next week. Several of the vessels of the fleet have been on the ways and slicked up, but the Monarch is the first to begin to fit out, and will be the first of the fleet to sail.

Fisheries Arbitration.

Newfoundland's adhesion to the fisheries arbitration treaty constitutes the last step but one in the settlement of a long-standing dispute that has engendered bitter feeling on both sides. It now remains for The Hague Tribunal to act. Its decision will give no room for cavil or cry of unfair play, such as unfortunately followed upon the verdict of the Alaskan Boundary Commission. Neither party to the present case is likely to come out seriously the loser. In the first place it is wonderful how many a claim tuted peaceful arbitration for quarrelling; and once people agree to have their rights weighed by a just judge, it is wonderful how many a claim and "right" that has swollen to enormous size in the process of mutual exasperation, shrinks to its proper small or still smaller significance. We in particular stand to lose little. If we win, we win. If the case goes against us and New England's important frozen herring industry suffers, it will only drive into the New England stand-pat consciousness a sharp lesson on the evil result of tariff selfishness and injustice.—New York Post.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The Chinese government has established a school at Shanghai to instruct the sons of fishermen in modern methods of fish culture.

The Oregon Deep Sea Fish Co., with its principal office in Portland, Ore., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. Charles M. Heyskell, Richard R. Obee and Martin Watrous are the incorporators.

The St. John's, N. F., Trade Review says: "One hates to extract even indirect good from the misfortunes of another, but we can't help noting that the terrible calamity at Messina is livening up our fish trade in the Mediterranean. The survivors of the awful catastrophe, though supplied with the meats and other solid foods of the north, are calling for their favorite fish, oil and fruit foods, and the international relief committee have been buying a good deal of fish lately. How far this will lift the price is hard to say at present, because we must take into account that even though the survivors get all the fish they want, there are two hundred thousand less people to call for it in the disaster zone."

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Will Be Total Loss.

Sloop Venus of Provincetown, formerly of this port, which went ashore at Pamet river during the recent gale, will be a total loss. The captain and crew were saved and the craft is breaking up.

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Lost Two Anchors.

Sch. W. H. Moody of this port, Capt. Andrew Gervensau, was at Portland Tuesday with 2000 pounds of halibut which she landed there. The craft also had on board 13,000 pounds of salt cod which she will bring to this port. The skipper reported very bad weather and heavy seas, the craft losing two anchors in heavy storms.

Fishermen's Unions.

The movement to form fishermen's unions in Newfoundland is spreading and properly managed will no doubt do much to improve the status of the "hardy toilers of the sea," and through them the community of the Island at large. A branch was lately formed at Argentia, and another at Marquis.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, LeHave Bank, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1800 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Teazer, Brown's Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, Poston.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.65; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60 cts.; hake, 60 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Blanche and Indiana are on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Victor is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Thalia is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Boston.

Sch. Motor, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 cusk, 500 pollock.

Sch. Julietta, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mystery, 60,000 haddock, 6000 d.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 60,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.00 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.00; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.00; pollock, \$3.00; cusk, \$3.00.

Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels were at Portland Tuesday:

Sch. Maud S.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett.
Sch. Lochinvar.
Sch. Marjie Turner.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie.
Sch. Mineola.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Teazer sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

The fare of sch. Paragon sold to the American Halibut Co. at the same price.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, stocked \$1300 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$1186 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1908 are 41,082 barrels against 23,625 barrels at this time last year of the catch of 1907.

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SAW A WHALE

George Foster, a well-known Beverly fisherman, reports seeing a big 40-foot whale off Gales' ledge. While Mr. Foster was pulling his traps the whale came to the surface, spouted and spouted about for half an hour or so. Last summer a whale made lots of fun at the Willows, and it may be that this is the same fellow who is paying a winter visit.

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Nova Scotia Smelt Fishery.

The catching of smelts chiefly for the New York market is no new thing in the Maritime Provinces, and it is almost a matter of common knowledge that there is good money in it. Nevertheless, it has not received the general attention that might have been expected, and in Western Nova Scotia, at least it has been hitherto very much neglected.

It may be said that these fish are never presented here in such numbers as elsewhere, and that it would scarcely pay to make it a pursuit by itself. This, however, may be an error of judgment, such as has been noted more than once in connection with other branches of the fisheries, which were overlooked for years, and finally discovered by a sort of accident.

An instance of the kind is the abundant schooling of small herring around Nova Scotia harbors late in the fall. At all events, the matter is worth considering. In the eastern counties where smelt fishing has been more steadily followed, certain methods are employed with which we are not well acquainted here. This season a venture was made in Cape Breton, where there were seemingly small prospects, and yet it turned out extremely profitable.—Coast Guard, Clark's Harbor, N. S.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

A large vessel of the trawling type was brought into Wick harbor recently by the Ringdove. The reason for her capture is a peculiar one. The vessel, named the Grotious, is owned in Grimsby, and manned by an English crew, but is registered at Ymuiden, Holland. The Dutch authorities object to craft using their flag which have no title to that nationality, and this boat, being owned in England, they have cancelled her registration.

Whaling sch. Valkyria of Provincetown, formerly of this port, Capt. John Cook, and sch. Gov. Russell, Capt. George L. Dunham, will sail about May 1 for the North Atlantic whaling grounds.

Whaling Vessels Heard From.

Advices received at Port Townsend state that Capt. Mogg and his crew of the sch. Olga of San Francisco, long thought to have been lost, are alive, and were at Point Barrow, November 1, 1908. The Olga was left ice-bound about 330 miles east from Point Barrow, and will probably prove a total loss. The craft was fitted out as a whaler, going to the Arctic for bowheads, but has probably not done much whaling, being principally engaged in scientific explorations.

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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Yakima, haddocking.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, haddocking.
Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Ramona, haddocking.
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges.
Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, salt banking.

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Large Dory Hand line Fleet.

Some of the Vessels Will not Sail Until Later in the Season.

Will Include Crafts From Bucksport and Provincetown.

Some of the salt bank dory hand-line codfishing fleet will begin to fit out the latter part of this month. These will be principally the larger craft, or those intending to make two trips during the season. The fleet as a whole will be considerably larger than last year, thus more than making up for the small size of the trawl salt bank fleet.

Some of the dory handliners will not go until quite late but already those who will are pretty well decided upon. April, May and June will see the most of them get away and a few late ones, looking for Grand Bank and Virgin Rocks fishing will go even later than that. Four of the craft that will go bank trawling first will shift over after their spring trips and join this fleet. Other late ones will be recruited from other branches of the fisheries.

The fleet from this port, as at present decided upon, will number 26 sail against 18 sail from here last year. Of these 18 sail last season three made two trips. The whole fleet last season numbered 28 sail, six going from Bucksport, Maine, and four from Provincetown. This coming season five will go from Bucksport and four from Provincetown, making the total fleet 35 sail, an increase of eight vessels over last year.

The vessels of the fleet from here are as follows:

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Louis Wharton.
Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Angus Hines.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, Capt. Hiram Forbes.

Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Fred Le Blanc.

Sch. Dora A. Lawson, Capt. William Williams.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Nelson Thorburn.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Colin Nickerson.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Alex Kemp.

Sch. Madonna, Capt. Selig.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James D. Goodwin.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis.

Sch. Mina Swim, Capt. William Forbes.

Sch. Elector, Capt. Daniel Rider.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Patrick Vale.

Sch. John R. Bradley, Capt. Peter Porthier.

Sch. Athlete, Capt. Leroy Spinney.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton.

Sch. Meteor, Capt. Manuel Cayton.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. William Clark.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. Charles Rudolph.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Simon Hirtle.

Sch. Flirt, Capt. Robert Winslow.

Sch. Claudia, Capt. William Wharton.

Sch. Harvard.

From Bucksport, Me., schs. Elizabeth N., T. M. Nicholson, Hiram Lowell, William Matheson, Lizzie Griffin.

From Provincetown, schs. Lottie Byrnes, American, Monitor, Gladstone.

March 8.

Struck Red Fish.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, which is at Boston today with 11,000 pounds of fresh cod and haddock, has also 10,000 pounds of bream, or "red fish." She must have struck a regular school of them.